

### ...Dump Plan Rejected

(Continued from Page 1) about pollution of natural underground water from the dump. That, he said, is the concern of the Water Quality Control Board. At any rate, Pomeroy went on, the most serious consequence to ground water would be increased hardness.

The effect of the dump on downstream water, Pomeroy stated, would be "so small that it would be impossible to detect it."

Next witness was G. S. Sikand, head of his own civil engineering firm in Pasadena. Sikand testified that he had studied the quarry to determine how it could be reclaimed. He concluded that it would be economically unfeasible to fill up the excavations with dirt in order to make it suitable for homes.

Speaking against the dump proposal was Martin Whelan Jr., attorney for the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.

Whelan said that it was the function of the district to preserve underground water supplies, warning area residents that this water is "too valuable to risk."

"You and your neighbors have a tremendous financial investment in the natural ground water of this area," Whelan said, objecting to Dr. Pomeroy's statement that the effect on the water here would be relatively minor. Whelan said he knew of at least one well that had to be abandoned because of a land fill operation.

Another consulting engineer, Max Bookman, testified that land fill is an accepted dumping process but not where it may seep into the natural water.

Bookman, too, stressed the importance of protecting the financial investment area citizens have made in preserving natural ground water. He said that \$600,000 is spent annually to prevent sea water intrusion into area water supplies. Over the years, he said, more than \$69 million has been invested in the water of the area.

Speaking of the "potential hazard of pollution, Bookman stated that the gravel pit in the quarry is in direct contact with the main aquifer, or water-bearing underground layers.

"This is drinking water," Bookman said, "and we must do everything in our power to keep it pure."

The civil engineer also stated that it would be impossible to inspect the dump site adequately, even if inspectors toured the site daily. It would only take a few disposals of unsatisfactory materials to play havoc with the ground water.

Last to speak was William Borton, 3116 Winlock Rd., president of the Walteria Homeowners Association. Borton outlined residents' fears concerning unpleasant

side effects the dump may bring to the community.

"I'd be happy to invite you, Dr. Pomeroy, to visit some of the land fills the association has seen and give me a dollar for every rat or seagull we'd see there," Borton exclaimed.

The community leader stated that association representatives toured several county land fills last year. Many of the people on the bus, Borton stated, "became nauseated from the smell at these odorless dumps."

And some of the homes in his area are no more than 300 feet from the proposed dump site, Borton added.

Borton agreed that the current quarrying was a blight on the community but denied that the land fill operation would make things better for area residents.

"Why should the people of Torrance have to suffer anymore for the blunders of these people over the years?" he asked.

Borton blamed dump site owners for creating their own problems by quarrying and said they shouldn't expect the city to bail them out.

Borton also expressed concern over the specter of methane gas seeping up from the dump, noting that a trailer park in Monrovia built over a dump site has had to be condemned because the combustible gas cannot be controlled.

### 4-H Club Forming In Lomita

Plans for the formation of the Lomita Marching Band will top a list of community projects which a newly formed 4-H Club will undertake.

Short Line 4-H Club will be under the supervision of adult leaders Lee Jacobs, Lawrence Kwinn, Dessie Myers, Robert Carte, H. P. Osborne, and Jim Cole.

Individual projects for charter members will include clothing and cooking for the girls and woodworking and electricity for boys.

The group also discussed plans to raise a guide dog for the blind. Under the program, the club members raise the dog until he is old enough for training.

Applications for membership will be accepted through the end of March, it was announced.

Mary Davis, junior leader, represented the club in a Lion's Club speech contest, where she won second place.

### EATING WELL

About 30 per cent of a teenager's spending money goes for food and beverages.



**DEDICATE STANDARDS** ... Members of the Las Colinas Garden Club join Mayor Albert Isen in placing one of several light standards in place at Los Arboles Park. The standards were purchased with the help of the garden club and installed by the city last week. With the mayor are (from left) Mrs. William Wilfred Cowell, Mrs. Allen Hogan, and Mrs. Roy Halpern. (Press-Herald Photo)

### \$9 Million in Building Posted

The Torrance South Bay area "kicked off" 1968 with the same healthy building activity that was prevalent throughout 1967 according to a report issued today by the Statistical Department of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

President James B. Wood said with almost \$9 million of building permits issued in January, 1968, the 11 Torrance South Bay area cities continued to lead nine Southern California counties from Fresno to San Diego. In total 1967 figures, the area chalked up higher valuations than all but three counties. Only Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties lead the 11-city area cities.

Among the 11 cities, Torrance—the area's largest city—jumped out to a commanding lead—a lead maintained throughout 1967. El Segundo and Redondo Beach follow, far back of Torrance's nearly \$5 million month of January. The three leaders also posted the greatest increases over January, 1967.

Interesting to note, is that all 11 cities boosted totals over January, 1967 figures. The total increase is over \$5½ million.

RANK	CITY	JAN.-1968	JAN.-1967	INCREASE
1	Torrance	\$ 4,910,735	\$ 2,356,715	\$ 2,554,020
2	El Segundo	1,131,931	73,950	1,057,981
3	Redondo Beach	882,910	161,378	721,532
4	Rolling Hills Estates	716,600	73,050	643,550
5	Gardena	487,044	68,329	418,715
6	Palos Verdes Estates	366,090	68,677	297,413
7	Manhattan Beach	285,543	155,958	129,585
8	Hermosa Beach	228,639	68,092	160,547
9	Lomita	71,198	5,839	65,359
10	Rolling Hills	65,708	2,150	63,558
11	Lawndale	42,300	27,525	14,775
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 8,959,108</b>	<b>\$ 3,291,233</b>	<b>\$ 5,470,570</b>

### Obituaries

#### Rose Ferril

Funeral services for Rose L. Ferril, who lived at 2405 W. 181st St., were conducted Friday in LaGrange, Ill., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Ferril, who was born in Chicago, Ill., June 17, 1882, died March 5 in Torrance. She had lived here for about six months.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara F. Klein of Torrance; a son, James Robert Ferril of LaGrange, Ill.; two sisters, Frances Last of Illinois and Margaret Flury of Michigan; a brother, Walter Last of Michigan; and three grandchildren.

### Organ Club To Choose New Name

The second meeting of the newly-formed organ club will be held at Ken Chilton's Hammond Studios at 7:30 p.m. The initial meeting last month was attended by some 65 organ fans.

The agenda for the March meeting will include selection of the club name from recommendations by those in attendance.

### Democrats To Convene Tomorrow

Candidates for the State Assembly and the County Central Committee in the 46th Assembly District have been invited to address the 46th Assembly District Democratic Council tomorrow.

John Cripps, convention chairman, said the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Indian Village Restaurant. Delegates to the convention include representatives of all Democratic clubs affiliated with the council.

John McKee Pratt, a Democrat running in the 28th Congressional District, will be the keynote speaker. The public is invited to attend.

### Agreement Reached on Driveway

An agreement between the Torrance School District and the city of Torrance was approved by the Board of Education Monday that will provide a common driveway on Crenshaw Boulevard for Crenshaw School and Garrett Corp.

The driveway will help Garrett expedite the flow of traffic for 7,000 automobiles which use the parking lot between 3:30 and 4:30 each day. The common driveway will provide a left turn lane for use by the school and business firm.

Garrett also has access to an exit on 190th Street.

### Council to Meet

The Lomita City Council will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Lomita Recreation Center. A report regarding a Sister City program is expected to be submitted to the council.

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### ...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

The world has been turned upside-down and its occupants are in a constant state of confusion. If one is aware of current events, no other conclusion can be reached. Our concepts of government, society, religion, etc., are changing rapidly—not by the old settled middle class, but by the restless youth who seem to have inherited a basketful of broken Easter eggs.

The advent of such a strong pop culture that permeates our music, art, and fashion today is really a rebellion. It is against the old, tired attempts to keep the "ages-old" criteria of the arts intact. The pendulum has swung to the other side—the music is loud and wild, the art is non-art and the fashions are psychedelic in color and feeling.

Religion has not been spared. Young people are beginning to question the validity of our Christian morals and ethics. This validity is being challenged by another type of credibility gap—one that is widened every day by the senseless killing of human beings in "approved wars" throughout the world. These wars affect young people directly and they are intensely concerned. The cry of the politician has lost its effect—and youth is turning in other directions.

SPiritual meditation seems to be "in" now. Strangely enough, young people are being drawn toward this Eastern way of thinking more and more. The newspapers, magazines, and television are spreading the word of Krishna every day. Krishna is the great Hindu god who has sent many of his Gurus (spiritual teacher) to mingle among the mortal flock here in the United States.

Suddenly the place is overrun with Gurus. The most famous is the self-styled Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who has managed to coax the Beatles, as well as Mia Farrow Sinatra to his Himalayan retreat for meditation. This man has to be the slickest con-man of all time. He is selling nothing new—yet he has managed to extract an entire week's salary from each of the Beatles, plus their manager's salary.

This salary contribution could range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per person. No wonder the Maharishi is negotiating with the Uttar Pradesh State government for a land-

ing strip for his own airplane. His retreat is situated in the Himalayas in Northern India, which means that this airplane has to be a transport-type in order to make the precarious flight from New Delhi successfully.

WHAT A SHOCK to learn that Maharishi packed them in by the thousands in Boston and New York recently before returning to his homeland. In India the countryside abounds with men such as Maharishi—they look just like him and preach just like him but they would never live in the manner that he does. They would find it repugnant to succumb to the Western luxuries that the Maharishi enjoys. His chant of, "Enjoy, enjoy," seems to be just a little anti-Hindu—but definitely a great attraction for his young followers.

My first impression of the Maharishi Yogi when I saw him on a local television show was that the American people would not buy his medicine. In the development of our culture, traveling hucksters have fleeced the public with everything from snake-oil to religion—so this meditation gimmick could not possibly go over—how wrong I was!

Meditation is great. I am not against meditation. In order for the Gurus to teach Americans how to meditate it appears so ironic that they must travel 16,000 miles from their homeland, where they are regarded as lazy men who live off donations, to a wealthy land where they are held up as prime examples of goodness. It could be that I am totally wrong. These Gurus could really be a dedicated band of missionaries who have come to this land of wealth to convert us from our evil materialistic ways—by changing places with us.

### Students Run Beauty Salon

Students of cosmetology at El Camino College operate their own beauty salon for the public. Anyone may call for an appointment for hair styling, hair coloring, permanent waving, manicuring, facials, and make-up.

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